

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 9, 2007 has been carefully considered. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Claims 19 and 20 have been added. Claims 1, 2, 5-17, 19 and 20 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended to add the limitation that the deck with rollers is provided within the vehicle to afford support to said mortal remains. Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification and in particular on page 4, lines 14-16 and in Figure 6. No new matter has been added.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographical error, replacing "compart" with "compartment." It is clear from the rest of the specification that this is what was meant.

Claim 19 has been added and is directed to the wheels of the wheeled chassis being positioned on the outside of the lower part of the chassis. Support for this claim is found throughout the specification and in particular on page 4, lines 6-9 and in Figures 1-6.

Claim 20 has been added and is directed to the rollers being aligned with the access door. Support for this claim is found throughout the specification and in particular on page 1, lines 24-30; page 4, lines 14-16 and in Figure 6.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) because they did not include the reference numerals 30, 32, 34. In response, Applicant submits a replacement sheet for Figure 6 in which these reference numerals have been added.

Also shown in the replacement drawing sheet for Figure 6 is a railing 36. Basis for this amendment to the drawing and the associated description to be entered at page 6, line 23, can be found in the originally filed specification at page 2, lines 24-27 and original claim 12. It is respectfully submitted that no new subject matter is being added with these amendments to the specification and the drawing and entry thereof is requested.

The specification was objected to for not having the layout provided for in 37 C.F.R. 1.77(b). In response, Applicant requests entry of amendments to the specification which add the applicable headings.

Previously presented claims 1-6, 8, 12, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,840,420 to Weber. Applicant submits that the teachings of this reference do not disclose or suggest the invention defined by the present claims.

Weber describes a conventional motorcycle sidecar having a collapsible top for protecting the sidecar passenger. However, Weber does not teach or suggest a funeral vehicle in the form of a sidecar having a deck with rollers provided within the vehicle to support mortal remains. Weber is concerned with the collapsible top and there is no discussion of such a deck with rollers. Accordingly, Weber does not teach all of the features of the present claims and the invention defined by the amended claims is not anticipated by Weber.

Previously presented claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 12-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,478,316 to Wood. Applicant submits that the teachings of this reference do not disclose or suggest the invention defined by the present claims.

Wood describes a motorcycle sidecar adapted to accommodate two passengers or to provide a single occupant with additional space. However, Wood does not teach or suggest a funeral vehicle in the form of a sidecar having a deck with rollers provided within the vehicle to support mortal remains. Accordingly, the invention defined by the revised claims is not anticipated by Wood.

Previously presented claims 1-4, 8-10 and 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,079,956 to Headington, Jr.. Applicant submits that the teachings of this reference do not disclose or suggest invention defined by the present claims.

Headington, Jr. describes a motorcycle camper which is in the form of a sidecar. However, Headington, Jr. does not teach or suggest a funeral vehicle in the form of a sidecar having a deck with rollers provided within the vehicle to support mortal remains. Accordingly, the invention defined by the amended claims is not anticipated by Headington, Jr..

Previously presented claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of Wood.

As described above, however, Wood does not teach or suggest a funeral vehicle in the form of a sidecar having a deck with rollers provided within the vehicle to support mortal remains. Wood relates to a conventional sidecar rather than a funeral vehicle and thus there is no motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Wood in order to

Application No.: 10/518,611
Reply to Office Action of 2/9/07
Amendment Dated 5/3/07

arrive at the invention defined by the present claims. Accordingly, the invention defined by the present claims is not obvious in view of Wood.

Previously presented claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of Headington Jr.

As described above, however, Headington Jr. does not teach or suggest a funeral vehicle in the form of a sidecar having a deck with rollers provided within the vehicle to support mortal remains. Headington Jr. relates to a fold-out camping sidecar rather than a funeral vehicle and thus there is no motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Headington Jr. in order to arrive at the invention defined by the present claims. Accordingly, the invention defined by the present claims is not obvious in view of Headington Jr.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew B. Morton, Reg. No. 37,400

Renner, Kenner, Grieve, Bobak, Taylor & Weber
First National Tower 4th Floor
Akron, Ohio 44308-1456
Telephone: (330) 376-1242
Facsimile: (330) 376-9646
Email: morton@rennerkenner.com

Attorney for Applicant

Attorney Docket No: BBD.P0021